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TO AMEMBASSY ATHENS NIACT IMMEDIATE

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FOLLOWING REPEAT ADDIS ABABA 6091 SENT SECSTATE DATED MAY 31.

QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: TENNECO SEVEN

1. EMBASSY BELIEVES CIRCUMSTANCES COULD POSSIBLY ARISE IN WHICH MOST PRACTICAL WAY OF EXTRACTING TENNECO CAPTIVES AFTER AGREEMENT WITH ELF WOULD BE BY HELICOPTER. ONLY CIVILIAN COPTERS AVAILABLE HERE ARE THE THREE EVERGREEN MACHINES ASSIGNED TO DROUGHT RELIEF NUTRITIONAL SURVEY IN SOUTHERN PROVINCES.

2. USAID DIRECTOR HAS DISCUSSED WITH MIKE RIETHOFER, EVERGREEN CHIEF OF PARTY, POSSIBILITY OF USING ONE OR MORE THESE COPTERS FOR THIS PURPOSE ON BASIS OF EMBASSY/AID FIRST OBTAINING PERMISSION OF EVERGREEN PRESIDENT AND OF NECESSARY CREW MEMBERS UNDERTAKING ASSIGNMENT ON VOLUNTARY BASIS ONLY.

3. RIETHOFER CONCEDED THERE WOULD BE NO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY IN TAKING COPTERS FROM SOUTHERN PROVINCES TO ASMARA FOR
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RENDEZVOUS WITH ELF. HOWEVER, RIETHOFER EMPHATICALLY

STATED THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDENT OF EVERGREEN DO NOT PERMIT HIM TO USE COPTERS FOR ANY ASSIGNMENT OF POLITICAL NATURE. HE ALSO SAID THAT WHILE HE WOULD NOT TRY TO INFLUENCE HIS COLLEAGUES ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, HE PERSONALLY WOULD REFUSE TO FLY ON SUCH AN ASSIGNMENT. DIRECTOR DID NOT BROACH QUESTION OF VOLUNTEERING TO OTHER COPTER TEAM MEMBERS.

4. REQUEST STATE-AID/W CONSIDER FEASIBILITY OF APPROACH OUTLINED PARA 2 ABOVE. IF AFFIRMATIVE, REQUEST YOU TAKE FOLLOWING ACTION:

(A) CONTACT DEL SMITH, PRESIDENT OR WARD EASTERN, GENERAL MANAGER, EVERGREEN HELICOPTERS, MISSOULA, MONTANA. (TELEX NO. 31-94-40; TELEPHONE 503-472-4151) RE PERMISSION TO USE ONE OR MORE COPTERS FOR PURPOSE STATED HEREIN.

(B) IF PERMISSION GRANTED, PLEASE REVIEW EVERGREEN/AID CONTRACT TO DETERMINE IF AMENDMENT REQUIRED, PARTICULARLY AS TO INSURANCE CLAUSES.

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